

change of laws. The other is about the exact pattern that we are likely to establish. The third is about co-operative farming. All these require detailed examination.

*138 and *139. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 801-02 infra.]

*140. [The questioner (Shri M. H. Samuel) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 802 infra.]

*141. [The questioner (Shri Jai Narain Vyas) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 802-03 infra.]

LOCATION OF SECOND SHIPYARD

*142. { DR. P. J. THOMAS:
SHRI P. A. SOLOMON:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision on the location of the second shipyard has been taken; and

(b) if so, where it is to be located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Not yet. The Inter-Departmental Committee appointed to examine the report of the U. K. Shipyard Mission is still engaged in examining certain technical points which have to be investigated before a site could be finally decided.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: May I know, Sir, what is the reason for the delay in taking a decision in the matter?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: This is a very serious matter—the determination of a site for the second shipyard. We have appointed a Commit-

tee with a very high level personnel, with Mr. N. R. Pillai, as the Chairman, and I think they should be allowed to have their time to consider and come to certain conclusions in regard to all the intricate points, technical and otherwise, in respect of the location of the second shipyard.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I have an idea of the intricate points which are coming in the way of taking a decision in the matter?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It would neither be fair, nor desirable, nor possible for me to disclose the various matters which the Committee have in mind.

DR. P. J. THOMAS: Is the hon. Minister aware that there is considerable anxiety in Kerala about this matter, because there is terrible unemployment in Kerala and the location of the shipyard in that part will increase their employment opportunities?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We are very well aware of the anxiety of the people of Kerala and also of this House in regard to the need for an early decision in this matter. I think their anxiety too will be fully taken note of by this Committee.

DR. A. N. BOSE: What are the different suggestions about the location of the shipyard?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: So far as the Shipyard Mission is concerned, we know that they have made five alternative suggestions and the Committee is going into them but they have placed Cochin as the number one.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Is it a fact that Kandla was at one time proposed to be selected as it had all the facilities such as hinterland and big forests to supply the required timber?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Not by the Shipyard Mission.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri P. A. Solomon.